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To the Editor:

The Community Health Action Group (CHAG) is cautiously optimistic about the recent developments at RMCHCS, including the hiring of a new CEO, Robert Whitaker, and the County's initial commitment to ensure increased transparency and accountability by the Board of Trustees.

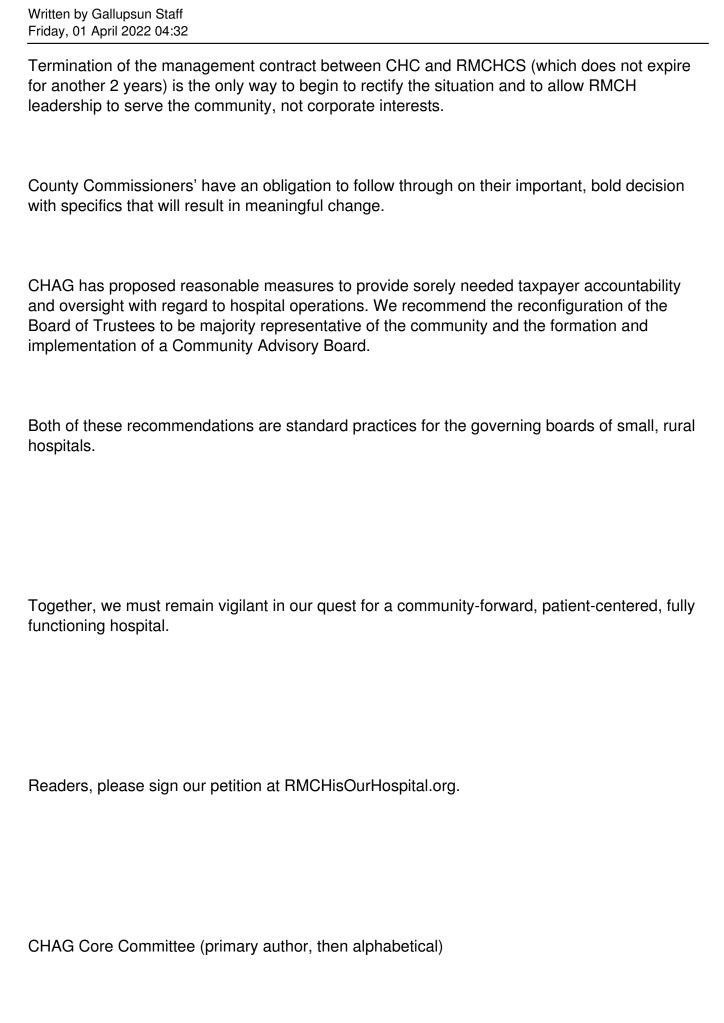
We look forward to working with Mr. Whitaker to rebuild the community's trust in RMCH.

However, it is still gravely concerning that management of the hospital has been wholly outsourced to CHC Consulting, with the CEO, CFO, CNO and Director of Human Resources all being employed by CHC.

Since taking over the hospital 1.5 years ago, CHC has not prioritized community needs, patient safety, or staff culture and retention.

Instead, under CHC's leadership, patient access has been severely compromised, >65% of nurses and >40% of permanent physicians have resigned, and the hospital has faced unprecedented financial losses.

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